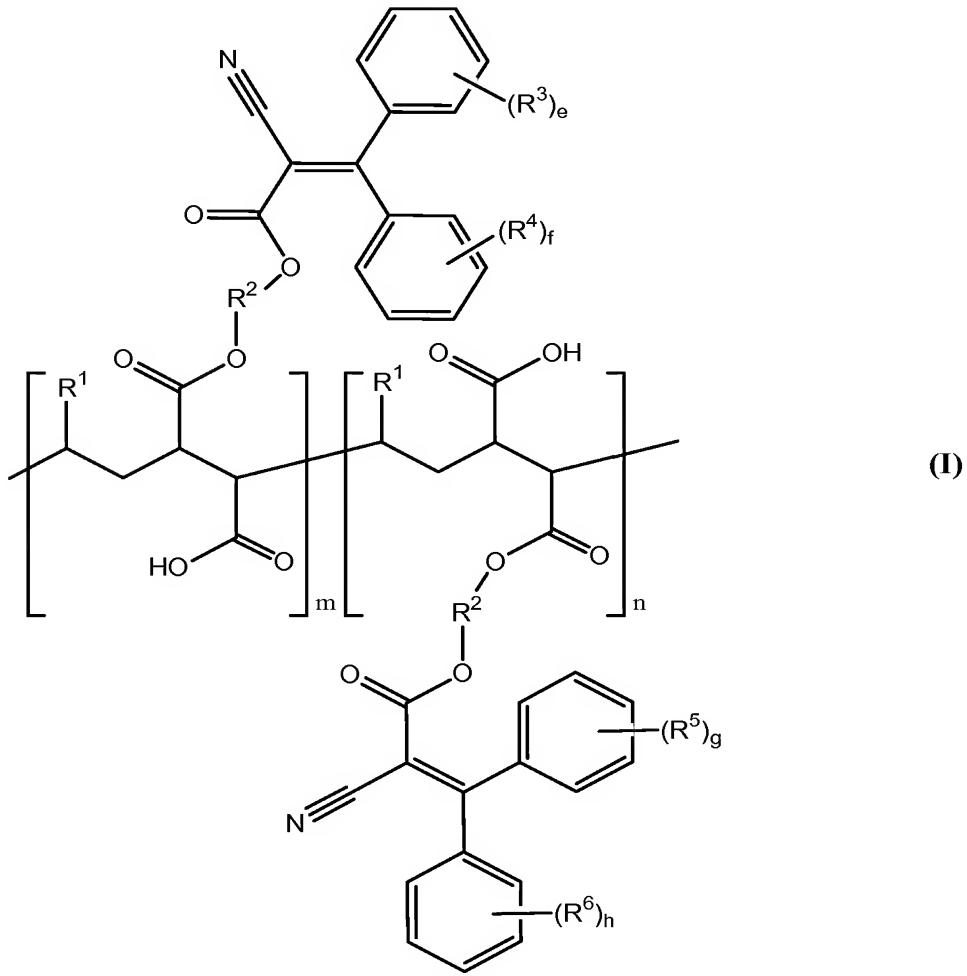


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

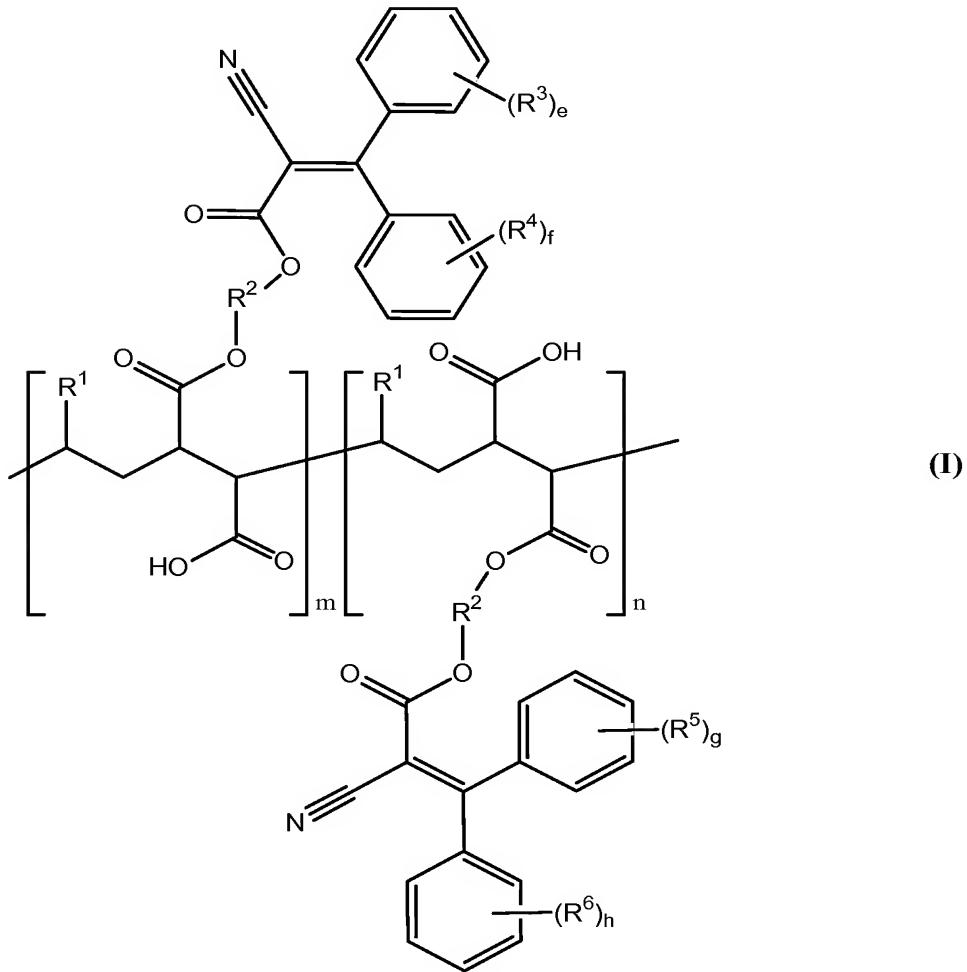
1. through 3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) The ~~compound-method~~ of claim ~~4-16~~, wherein the Weight-Average Molecular Weight of said compound ~~of formula (1)~~ is in the range of about 30,000 to about 110,000.
5. through 13. (Canceled)
14. (Currently amended) The ~~composition-method~~ of claim ~~4-16~~, wherein said compound of formula (I) is present in said composition in an amount in the range of about 0.01% to about 30% by weight of the total weight of the composition.
15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A method of protecting human skin from ultraviolet radiation comprising topically applying to said skin, in a cosmetically acceptable carrier, ~~the a~~ composition comprising a mixture of a photoactive compound, and a compound of formula (I) of claim 11.



wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, and R⁶ are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₃₀ alkyl, C₁-C₃₀ substituted alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino, e, g, f, and h are each in the range of 0 to 4, m and n are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of m plus n is at least 1.

17. (Original) A method of protecting human skin from ultraviolet radiation, comprising topically applying to said skin, in a cosmetically acceptable carrier, a compound of formula (I):



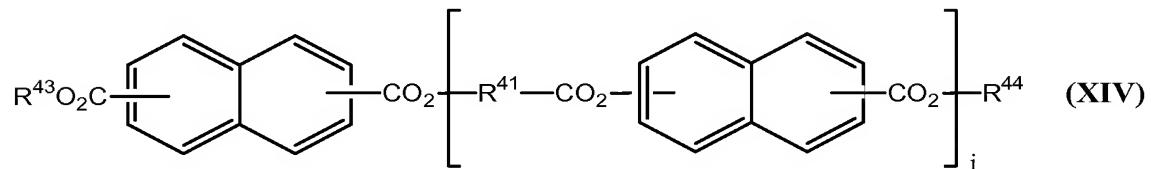
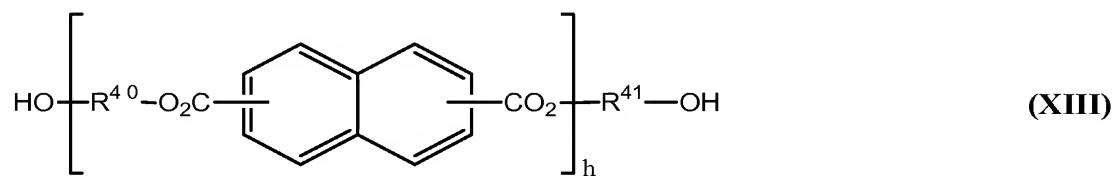
wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, and R⁶ are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₃₀ alkyl, C₁-C₃₀ substituted alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino, e, g, f, and h are each in the range of 0 to 4, m and n are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of m plus n is at least 1.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein R¹ and R² are selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₃₀ alkyl groups.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein R1 is a C16 straight chain alkyl group, and R2 is a 2,2-dimethylpropyl group.

20. through 42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently amended) The ~~composition~~ method of claim 39-16, wherein the ~~photoactive compound comprises~~ ~~further comprising~~ a diester or polyester of naphthalene dicarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of compounds of formulae (XIII) and (XIV), and combinations thereof:

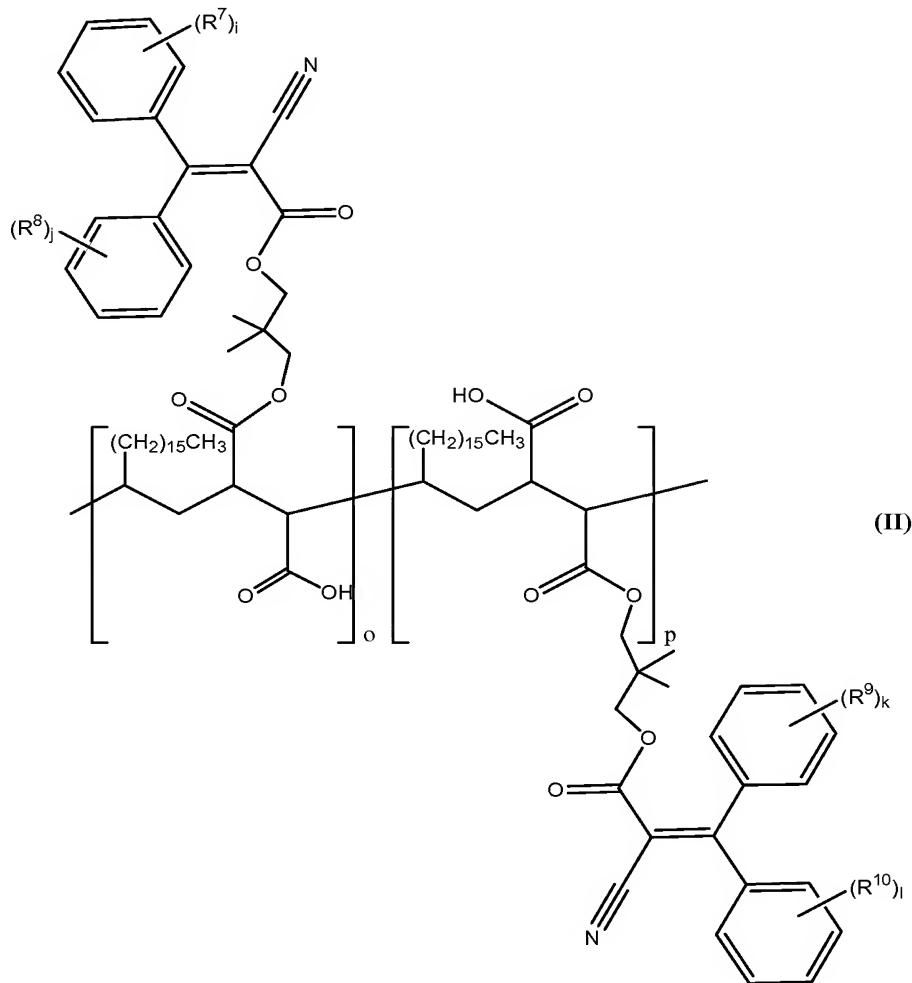


wherein R⁴³ and R⁴⁴ are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₂₂ alkyl groups, diols having the structure HO—R⁴¹—OH, and polyglycols having the structure HO—R⁴⁰—(—O—R⁴¹—)_j—OH; wherein each R⁴⁰ and R⁴¹ is the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₆ straight or branched chain alkyl groups; and wherein h and j are each in a range of 1 to 100 and i is in a range of 0 to 100.

44. through 88. (Canceled)

89. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the photoactive compound comprises a dibenzoylmethane derivative.

90. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the compound of formula (I) has the following formula (II):



wherein R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, and R¹⁰ are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₃₀ alkyl, C₁-C₃₀ substituted alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino, i, j, k, and l are each in the range of 0 to 4, o and p are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of o plus p is at least 1.

91. (New) The method of claim 90, wherein the Weight-Average Molecular Weight of said compound of formula (I) is in the range of about 30,000 to about 110,000.